Estimates in the last few years was not fully utilised. The total funds allocated to Defence during the last three years in the Budget Estimates and the actual expenditure during that period are as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

	Budget allocation	Actual Expenditure
2001-2002	62000	54265.73
2002-2003	65000	55661.83
2003-2004	65300	60065.80*

*Provisional.

(c) The detailed reasons for not utilising the allocated funds are given in the Appropriation Accounts (Defence Services) for the respective years presented to the Parliament.

(d) Acquisition of weapon systems, platforms and modernisation of Defence Forces is an on-going process and non-utilisation of funds in a financial year does not result in dropping of any specific proposal.

Attachment policy of armed forces officers to IDSA

577. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Deputation/Study Leave/Attachment policy of the armed forces officers in Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA);

(b) the number of serving armed forces officers(s) holding important administrative post(s) of the Institute alongwith their attachment period and reason for retention, individual-wise, as per rules;

(c) whether Government propose to review the policy for attachment of armed forces officers to IDSA and for repatriation of long serving officers to their parent armed forces in the national interest; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Serving officers from the Armed Forces are attached to the Indian Institute

for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA) either as (i) Members (Army, Navy, Air Force) to maintain research liaison between the Services and IDSA or (ii) Research Fellows under fellowship scheme to conduct research in areas of interest relevant to their respective parent organizations. The Serving officers attached to IDSA as members are normally in the rank of Brigadier/Colonel or equivalent and are posted by the individual Service Headquarters in consultation with IDSA. The officers who are granted research Fellowship will continue to draw their pay and allowances and other administrative entitlement including accommodation from their parent service/cadre.

(b) A total of 14 officers from the Armed Forces including one officer from the para-military *i.e.* Border Security Force are currently working at IDSA. As per the norms, a Service officer is granted a two year Fellowship extendable to four years. This however, does not apply to the Service members. Service officers have been appointed Director/Deputy Director at IDSA as approved by the President, IDSA. Commodore C. Uday Bhaskar joined the IDSA in 1989 as Member (Navy) and was appointed as Deputy Director in July 1996. Commodore Uday Bhaskar has been appointed as Officiating Director, IDSA since 1st August, 2004.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Denial of benefits to unit-run canteen employees

578. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court declared the unit-run canteen employees as Central Government employees; and

(b) if so, the reasons for depriving them of benefits like, DA, HRA, Bonus and Gratuity etc.?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) It is a fact that the Supreme Court in its ruling delivered on 4.1.2001 held that the employees serving in unit-run-canteens could be treated as Government employees. However, the Supreme Court have further stated that this by itself would not entitle them to get all the service benefits, as is available to the regular Government servants or even their counterparts